NO. 52.

POETRY.

THE DEAD LETTER.

By JOHN G. SAXE.

And can it be? Ah, yes, I see,
'Tis thirty years and better
Since Mary Morgan sent to me
This musty, musky letter.
A pretty hand (she couldn't spell),
As any man must vote it;
And 'twas, as I remember well,
A pretty hand that wrote it!

How caimly now I view it all,
As memory backward ranges—
The talks, the walks, that I recall,
And then—the postal changes!
How well I loved her I can guess
(Since cash is Cupid's hostage)—
Jast one—and sixpence—nothing le
This letter cost in postage. The love that wrote at such a rate

(By Jove; it was a steep one!)
Five hundred notes (I calculate)
Was certainly a deep one!
And yet it died—of slow decline—
Perhaps suspicion chilled it;
Pre quite forgotten if 'twas mine
Or Mary's firting killed it.

At last the fatal message came :

And this alone remains: Ah, well!
Those words of warm affection.
The faded ink, the pungent smell,
Are food for deep reflection.
They tell of how the heart contrives
To change with fancy's fashion.
And how a drop of musk survives
The strongest human passion.

MISCELLANY.

IN A TUNNEL

"That will do nicely," said Ruth May-hew, receiving her last package through the car window from Mr. Perkins on the

the car window from Mr. Perkins on the platform.

"Write us how you get along, Ruth. If your aunt can spare you a spell in the summer we'd be glad to see you hum agin. Oh, my! here's Mis' Curtin with a bunch of posies from her gardin'. Hurry! hurry! you'll be late, sure's the world, Mis' Curtin."

Thus spoke the group at the depot in shrill chorus as the locomotive, every plate burnished and dazzling, which had sim-mered quietly for minutes, started, imparta jerking wrench to the cars, and then long snake of a train glided smoothly

"She takes it first rate," commented Mr. Perkins, wiping his brow with a red bandana handkerchief. Then he climbed into his rusty carry-ali.

Then he climbed into his rusty carry-ali. drawn by a meek white horse; the others returned along the village street to resume separate avocations, and the event of the day was over. Ruth Mayhew had departed from the home of her youth, and the place would know her no more forever.

The struggle had been a hard one, but she bore it well, as Mr. Perki.s averred. She did not icok once at the white house on the hill, where death had robbed her of parents and shelter, because even her fortitude could not be trusted to witness fortitude could not be trusted to witness the Smalls moving in. What was before her? Life with Aunt Harriet in a close sick-chamber, slave of an invalid's caprices, and grateful for daily bread. Oh, the long, dreary years, with nothing but old age in

She took a small pocket-mirror from her bag, and gazed pensively into its depths. The reflected image was by no means unattractive. She was not as young as she had once been, yet her features were good per complexion fresh, her eyes clear, an physique robust. Moreover, she was stully and becomingly attired, and her carefully and becomingly and to, Never-chignon was of the latest style. Never-theless, a sigh welled up from her heart theless, a sigh welled up from her heart when she gazed in the glass, not altogether in unreasonable diseatisfaction with her present appearance; still the past had had disappointments and the future with Aunt Harriet was without promise. Away back in the vista of summers she beheld herself, in the vista of summers she benefit herself, a fanciful girl, building cloud-castles out of the sunset glories. One spring-time was brighter and more fragrant than the rest; around it still bloomed flowers of regretful memories, blossoms without earthly semblance in the cold bleak climate where Buth lived because spring from the rich. Ruth lived, because sprung from the rich

A brave young missionary had urged a heedless girl to go with him to the hot

countries among the heathen, and the girl, to whom the world seemed a vast treasure-house lavish of gifts, had flouted her young missionary, and he had silently departed without complaint, to return no more. Then Ruth had shed tears in secret, bitterly remorseful tears, and turned her back capriciously on the well-to-do farmers of her acquaintance.

"Got a cinder in yer eye?" inquired a sharp voice in our traveler's ear.

The latter awoke from her reverie with a guilty blush suffusing her cheek. She, Ruth Mayhew, of middle age, caught looking in the glass? Her interlocutor was a brisk, bright little old lady in a faded shawl and an antiquated bonnet of the coal-scuttle pattern. She carried on her arm a black silk bag which seemed to contain unlimited stores of souff and peppermint drops. Encircling her without contain unlimited stores of souff and pepperminint drops. Encircling her without contain unlimited stores of souff and pepperminint drops. Encircling her without contain unlimited stores of souff and pepperminint drops. Encircling her without contain unlimited stores of souff and pepperminint drops. Encircling her without content and state of the content of the conte tain unlimited stores of snuff and pepper-mint drops. Encircling her withered old mint drops. Encircling her withered old throat was necklace of beautiful gold beads delicately wrought. These beads, an heirloom in her family, descending to her through long generations, had been worn

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"I can get it out quick as a wink, child," she continued, eagerly, setting her specta-cles, and spreading out a soft silk hand-kerchief, with the intention of applying it

teeth, yet the vital forces seemed unim-paired. She was like a queer little gray bird hopping along to pick a crumb of in-formation everywhere.

formation everywhere.

"I wonder who she is, and where she's goin?" pondered the old lady, her basy brain having unsuccessfully twisted Ruth around the whirling wheel of minute investigation. Then she bobbed abruptly, and skipped into the seat beside the observed without a moment's hesitation she rushed out.

"How long do we stop?" she inquired of a brakeman, who exhaled hot oil from his very countenance.

"Twenty minutes," replied the brakeman surely incited by the Evil One. and skipped into the seat beside the ob-ject of her interest with an apologetic, "Guess I'll change my place if you don't mind, and get out of the draught from

eyes twinkling all over her companion in-

FAIR

"Yes. Have you come far?"

"Far! I guess so! I left my darter's home in Indianny day afore yesterday. I've seen sights of things. My son-in-law, Marthy's husband, is a lumber merclasses and lectures, and once there came a panoramy of New York. Jabez took me. Hev yon been there? Most as good as seeing it for yourself, the panoramy was. Come home alone? Law, yes. Is stopped over night at Montreal, in Canady, at a great hotel, and the clerk gave me a snug little room, so's I felt real to hum. There's a big bridge—the Victorry bridge, they call it there. I see it. I've been a good piece on the Grand Trunk Railroad too."

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The old lady had traversed all this distance safely, enjoying every hour of the journey, and she was now turning her face homeward to a farm nestled among the

"My son lives in the other side of the

ferated loudly, with her own train disappearing in the distance, and a string of gold beads in her hand.

It happened thus: Ruth and her new friend hobnobbed delightfully. The old lady was particularly pieased to discover that among the many good things pretry and for the other's journey by friendly hands were crisn tarn-overs, generous silices of dried-apple ple, and deughnuts.

"Seems like hum," she declared, with a sigh of satiafaction. "Couldn't git any cake nor pie in Canady. They said they had plenty of beef and beer, but I don't need nothin' quite so hearty."

Born of the same race, subjected to the same influences of a harsh, cold climate, the English resident of Canada supplies generous fuel for the machinery of life, while the Yankee nstive of New England most grudgingly lubricates the busy mechanism of his economy, at the same time extorting the greatest possible amount of labor from his slave—the body. The train paused at a station, and a young man strolled into the car. Miss. Ruth's attention became instantly centered in him. It was not because of the beauty of his black mustache that she observed him, nor his oly ringlets, flashy waistoost and resplendent watch-chain. It was simply because his evil, snaky eye, wandering carclessly over the passengers, pounced on the unconscious old lady. "You will bear watching," thought the younger woman. Then she talked warp in the did hady looked simply bewildered. The train rushed into a tunnel, a dark, chilly hole it hat seemed to open a yawning mouth, in itself stationary and soulless, to beauty of his black mustache that she observed him, nor his oly ringlets, flashy waistcoat and resplendent watch-chain. It was simply because his evil, snaky eye, wandering carelessly over the passengers, pounced on the unconscious old lady. "You will bear watching." thought the younger woman. Then she talked warningly of thieves and pickpockets, at which the old lady looked simply bewildered.

The train rushed into a tunnel, a dark, chilly hole that seemed to open a yawning mouth, in itself stationary and soulless, to engulf life and motion. A tiny blue flame crackled; the old lady had lighted a bit of tal.ow candle, using her hand for a candlestick.

"I git scared in these tunnels." she

behind, detected a stealthy movement of his hand toward the old lady's neck, where hung the family gold beads. A sudden draught (emanating from the snaky young man herself? She now rose, making some confused apology for the condition of her late throne, the carpet-bag.

"Ruth Mayhew!" exclaimed the stranger. "I cannot be mistaken. Surely you wear my gift, the little brooch, silver and tive combat with the foe.

tive combat with the foe.
"Thieves!" she shricked.

"What is the matter?" echoed on all sides in the terrible darkness.
"Oh, oh!" screamed Ruth. "The wretch! The scamp! Help me to hold him. He is twisting my hand horribly."

"Let me go," growled the snaky young man, and giving himself a serpentine screw, adroitly eluded the nervous clutch

But when light dawned to a comforting brightness again the stout gentleman was found to hold captive an innocent and much injured newspaper and pop-corn boy, who had entered the car just in the nick of time to be made prisoner, while the thief slid noiselessly away to vanish forever. Then each passenger was mor-ally certain that the thief had crept past by her since early youth, and so much superstition is associated with such relies in the mind of the possessor, that the old lady would have dreaded immediate misfortune would have dreaded immediate misfortune like faith in her fellow-creatures that she never dreamed of parting with her treasult of so much excitement was a chill-ing doubt if Miss Maybow's alarm had not pelled into their midst by some unseen power on the platform. The inevitable result of so much excitement was a chill-ing doubt if Miss Maybew's alarm had not been only a woman's scare after all. "Look at her for yourselves," sie said, indignantly, reading skepticism on every

kerchief, with the intention of applying it to Ruth's eye.

"No, thank you. It is nothing," said Ruth, hastily popping the glass back into a hiding-place.

The old lady's appearance was certainly idipidated and battered, while her beautiful beads were lying in her lap. Ruth replaced them preparatory to her getting out at the crowded terminus where she changed cars. The old lady futtered away almost before the train had stopped, and when she had been gone fully five minutes, Miss Mayhew rattled the beads on the floor with a sudden crash. The thief had weakened the clasp in his effort o secure them. Something must be done, Again she appealed to selfish men; they were not going to lose their places. Much good but vague advice was volunteered about keeping the necklace until she could forward it some time, which she cut short with a decisive,

"Guess I'll change my place if you don't mind, and get out of the draught from that winder. Old folks have to be kinder keerful about draughts."

Miss Mahew graciously assented, and her neighbor was delighted with the success of her stratagem.

"Live in these parts?" small beady "Twenty minutes," replied the brakeman, surely incited by the Evil One, where will that brakeman is aided by his faith in man. He was deadened as well as his outer ear by the din of his life; or did he view with indifference the possibility of any future state being worse than the pandemonium of his present existence? Our traveler was impossible."

mediately beset by a crowd of clamosous mediately beset by a crowd of clamosous-backmen desirous of driving her out of her wits, if not to the end of the earth. Escaping this snare, she fell into another of babies and dusty parents. How many tender innocents she upset in her haste, thus increasing the general uproar, Ruth, although naturally humane, never knew. Everywhere a hopeless blockade of bag-gage, trunks, and struggling humanity—

of gigantic dimensions.

The baggage-man, with agonizing deliberation, rested his great hands on his hips, thrust a quid of tobacco into his cheek, stared at his interlocutor, and said,

"Hey?" Miss Ruth repeated her question with

"My son lives in the other side of the house, and does all the chores about the tarm. I take care of myself," she explained, with the curious simplicity of a nature that confided all its private affairs to strangers, never dreaming of doubting that their interest equaled her own in discussing their personal history.

Ruth's sympathy, was aroused. This sympathy cost her dear. Three hours later she was standing alone on the crowded platform of a large railway terminus, where locomotives dashed frantically about, and anxious passengers vociferated loudly, with her own train disappearing in the distance, and a string of gold beads in her hand.

It happened thus: Ruth and her new

"Hey?"

Miss Ruth repeated her question with the energy of despair.

"Where do you want to go?" inquired the baggage-man warily.

And then it became a painfully evident fact that where Miss Mayhew wanted to go and phere she was going were two widely fundered matters, for she beheld to signal blindly—as if the insensate monster would stop!—to be held back from jumping on board in a gentlemanly fashion, and then to be left gasing blankly into space—that was her experience. A voice came back on the wind:

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"I git scared in these tunnels," she said, and held the candle so that Ruth and herself were framed in a vivid radiance.

The former, keeping her eyes steadfastly fixed on the snaky young man seated victim to the snaky young man herself?

pearls."
With a startled expression of wonder "Oh, murder!" gasped the old lady, first receiving a blow over the head that crushed her bonnet awry, and then feeling as if a great many shawla had troubled. nothing of the confusion about them. He was journeying toward the white house on the hill, which was to be his first pilgrimage in his native land, and wo have missed her had she not pursued the old lady with the gold beads,

"How did you recognize me!" said Ruth Maybew, flushed and tremulous, all

Creek, is a gorge some 200 feet deep. Immediately in the rear of the hotel the bank slopes down about 120 feet to a ledge of rocks, and from there to the bottom of the gorge the bank is almost perpend covered with moss and a slimy substance, water oozing through the crevices in the rocks. A few days since, says the Newburgh Telegraph, Egbert Hall, standing on the piazza in the rear of the hotel which acceptable. hotel, which overlooks the chasm, while coughing, lost a set of teeth, and on Sunday morning several persons were discuss-ing the possibility of getting down to the ledge of rocks to see if they had lodged thereon; and accordingly two men, by securing a rope to the building, succeeded in reaching the ledge, but without any success in finding the teeth. On returning, they spoke of the impossibility of getting to the bottom of the gorge, on ac account of the abruptness of the bank from the ledge down, when a boy about fifteen years of age, named David Ward, volunteered to go to the bottom if any one would give him fifty cents. Some by-stander offered to give him \$5 if he succeeded in reaching bottom, and he imme-diately commenced to descend, reaching the rocky ledge with little trouble, when to the horror of those who were watching him, he deliberately jumped from its brink and disappeared from sight. All supposed, as a matter of course, that he was instantly killed, but imagine their sursight at the prise at seeing him appear in bottom of the gorge, waving his hat and shouting in triumph. It seems when he struck among the stones and gravel at the bottom, he landed on his feet, and the momentum caused him to turn a complete somersault, and he escaped with a slight sprain of one hand. This is truly one of st remarkable leaps, without resulting fatally, on record.

NEWS SUMMARY. PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Hon. Jesse D. Bright, ex-United States Senator from Indiana, died at his residence

in Baltimore, on the 20th, aged 68.

Michigan and Wisconsin, vice Mudd, resigned.

Cameron Burnside, of Philadelphia, nephew of Senator Cameron, and Otis C. Tiffauy, son of Rev. Dr. Tiffany, have been appointed

Paymasters in the Navy. Gen. Meiggs, Quartermaster-General of the Army, is to be relieved shortly from his present position, and sent abroad on an important special mission, the nature of which has not yet transpired, although it is understood to be a tour of observation. He is to be allowed a secretary, and will be engaged in his European mission about eighteen months.

Wm. H. Darnelson has been appointed Indian Agent at the Fort Hill Agency, Idaho. vice James Wright, resigned. John Lightner has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the St. Louis district,

vice Con. Maguire, resigned. The New York Legislature adjourned sine

Ferdinand Meyer has been appointed Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the States of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas and the Indian and New Mexico Territories. in place of John McDonald, removed.

Abraham Jackson, one of the oldest and heretofore most respected lawyers of Boston, has absconded, leaving a deficit in his ac-counts of over \$700,000. It has transpired, since his flight, that for years he has been using trust funds confided to his charge and covering up his defalcations by forgery and other means. It is believed he has gone to Europe.

The Pennsylvania Republican State Convention met at Lancaster on the 26th. Gov. Hartranft was renominated by acclamation. The resolutions heartily indorse the administration of President Grant, but declare uncquivocally against a third term.

The Sioux delegation called on the President by appointment, on the 26th. They were accompanied by General Cowan, Acting Secretary of the Interior, and Commistioner of Indian Affairs Smith, and were received by the President in his priand gentlemen were present as spectators. The President spoke to the Indians through an interpreter, at some length. He told them that he did not propose to ask them about their consent to leave the homes where they were born and raised, but he wished to point out the advantages to themselves and children if they will accept such arrangements as may be proposed to such arrangements as may be proposed to outside the Sioux reservation; but in case them for removal to territory south of it was made inside, to require a promise from where they now live; where the climate is each individual composing it not to violate the conditions of the treaty of 150 with the treaty of 150 with the the conditions of the treaty of 150 with the the conditions of the treaty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a least two had died. Dr. Swift, veterinary tends to be recovered in any court of justice in this fluenza, affecting the nervous system, and good pasturage for animals, and where teachers can be sent among the Indians to instruct them in the arts of civilization, the means of

self-preservation and support. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. Gold closed in New York, on May 26, at

Newspapers can be sent after July 1 from the United States to any part of Europe at the rate of two cents each, if they do not

A dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, 28d says that information from various sections of the State is to the effect that the grasshop pers are causing no damage in that State, not is any damage anticipated. Crops were never in better condition, nor the prospect for an immense vield more auspicious.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office decides that benefits extended by law to pre-emptors, who, by reason of ravages of grasshoppers, are compelled to leave and be absent from their lands, may also be extend ed to pre-emptors whose crops have in like manner been destroyed, but who have nevertheless continued their residences upon their respective claims. Those whose crops will be entitled to extension of one year from and after July 1, 1875, and when the injury occurs in 1875 the extension will date from

The financial embarrassments of the Eric Railway have resulted in the appointment by the court of a receiver, and Mr. H. J. Jewett has been appointed as such.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

A Memphis dispatch of the 20th says: W. D. Alexander, a planter residing near Fulton, Tenn., was recently shot and killed by a day A. Les, merchant of Fulton, was sho and fatally wounded by N. C. Nelms, whom Lea had arrested on a charge of horse stealing, and who, after shooting Lea, made his

By an explosion of the Hazardville (Conn.) Powder Works on the 19th, Moses Bolack. John Lewere and George Richards were instantly killed. All leave large families. Grav Beard, one of the Indians condemned

an ax, and then went to the cometery, where MISSOURI STATE NEWS. he blew out his brains on the grave of his

Thomas W. Piper, the alleged murderer of little Mabel Young, in Boston, has been identifled by a person who passed the Warren Street Church about the hour of the murder as the man he saw climbing from the beifry window to the ground. Several little girle have stated that Piper has endeavored to entice them into the church at various times. The prisoner confessed that he was not in his suicide by taking poison, on the evening of right mind Sunday, but maintained his in-

A mysterious explosion occurred in Boston on the evening of the 26th ult., by which a large three-story building. No. 525 Washington Street, was entirely demolished. The ground floor of the building was occupied by J. D. Dow, apothecary and manufacturer of sods water, and the upper floors by various other occupants, the num-ber of persons in the building at the time of the explosion being estimated at about twenty-two. Most of the inmates were more or less injured, and several were known to be killed, while a number were still unac counted for at the time this dispatch was forwarded. The most plausible explanation of the socident is that it was caused by the exlosion of the gas generator in the cellar.

Another insurrection occurred in the No brasks Penitentiary on the 26th, headed by William McWaters and Eldridge Gerry, two desperadors who instigated a previous revolt, a short time ago. McWaters was shot by one of the guards and killed almost intantly, which terminated the present revolt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Sloux City dispatch of the 21st says: A courier just arrived reports that Gordon's rain, consisting of 47 four-mule teams and 170 men well armed, were captured on the 13th instant by a detachment of 37 soldiers from Fort Randail, D. T., and are now en route to that post in charge of the troops. No resistance was offered to the troops. The point where the party were captured was in Nebraska, some 350 miles west of this place and 40 miles south of the Indian reservation. The party had given up the idea of going to the Black Hills, and concluded to move on to the Big Horn country

tiil the Hills were opened.

The villages of Osceola and Houtzdale, Clearfield County, Penn., were almost do stroyed by fire on the 20th, caused by the burning of saw-mills and lumber piles in the vicinity. It is said that over 20,000,000 feet of lumber were burned and over 200 houses. Pete McCartney, the notorious counterfeit er, has again escaped from the officers while being conveyed from Marshall to Austin.

Texas.

A number of prominent citizens of Sioux City telegraphed to the Secretary of War. asking that the Gordon mining party be reeased from military surveillance, for the reason that they were captured while on their way to the Big Horn country, and had abanned their design of entering the Black Hills until the Government treaty was consumma-ted. General Sheridan, to whom this matter was referred, telegraphed in reply: "Gen Terry, commanding the department of the Dakota, has directed that the Gordon mining party be released, if the capture was made on the part of the whites until the Govern- State having competent jurisdiction." ment gives permission. The Gordon party, or any other party, has no more right, under the treaty of 1869, to go to the Big Horn than | Louis on the 20th and 21st. they have to go to the Black Hills, and it i

now govern the military are revoked." The memorial ceremonies at Memphis, on pression prevails that nothing since the war. The question having arisen whether men

and unite the whole people. Very destructive forest fires have been raging in Northern Pennsylvania. In Pike, thed to pay except for sevel service, which Wayne, Monroe and Sullivan counties miles the law provides shall been when so appears of Brests have been burned, together with hundreds of saw-mills and isolated buildings. has been the cu-tom to sudi' accounts for the

ington, Ky., on the 23d. A later dispatch concerning the disastrous fire at Osceola, Penn., says: The destruc-tion and desolation here are very much greater than have been reported. Nine- Relief for Grasshopper Sufferers. tenths of the town is burned, leaving scarce—
A mass-meeting was held at Jefferson City, journed.

ly enough ashes to mark where the houses on the 25th, for the purpose of taking some steps on the midst of the confiagration toward the relief of the grasshopper sufferers in On the night of the 25th ult., Philip Pfarr, thieves and robbers were plying their trade, the western portion of the State. Governor Harbreaking into trunks and appropriating to din called the meeting to order, and stated that it themselves sundry articles of value. Money and clothing is needed, and a supply of food

Gray Reard, one of the Indians condemned to imprisonment in Florida, jumped from the train near Lake City, on the 21st, and was shot and killed by one of the guards.

Ex-Senator Young, of Wisconsin, was shot and fatally wounded recently by his son, who immediately shot himself dead. The boy had fallen into bad ways, it is said, and indulged in forgery, with complications following him up to the point of this terrible crime.

A Boston telegram gives the particulars of another horrible affair which occurred in the neighborhood of the Black Hills to destrain the control of the sunday-school annitation of the Sunday-school annitation

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.
THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

MAY 20.—The consideration of the Bill of Rights was continued in Committee of the Whole. Miss Photbe Cozzens, Mrs. L. P. Dickenson, Mrs. Francis Minor, Mrs. Pegram and Mrs. Prof. Jackson appeared before the Committee on Election and Electors in the inter-ect of female suffrage. Mrs. Minor made the introductory remarks, followed by Mrs. Cozzens in a very eloquent and foreible effort in the half of the legal and political equality of women. She was responded to by Mrs. Alexander, Chairman, who assured her that the claims asserted would be impartially and fairly considered by the Committee.

His assured the meeting that the railroad which he represented, the Missouri Pacific, would carry provisions and freight of all kinds to the sufferers free of charge.

Mrs. Hydro, of Cass County, and Mr. Lay, of Cole, and several other gentlemes, followed in short speeches.

Senator Strother then announced that the committee was responded to by Mrs. Alexander, Chairman, who assured her that the claims asserted would be impartially and fairly considered by the Committee.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVENDOR.

tion that a special committee of seven be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to

collect money for the relief of the unfortu- Jockson County. the grasshopper plague, and that on the 3d the different Churches take up collections for

in full the proceedings of the meeting. Sections 14. 15 and 24 of the School Laws, Commissioners. The reports of the Commissioners are now due, and the Superintendent is receiving letters daily stating that the boards have failed to come to time through said that half of the farmers will be objects negligence or from other causes. The only answer the Superintendent can give the Com-missioners is to call their attention to section The Globe-Democrat of the 21st says that missioners is to call their attention to section 91 of the School Law, which reads: "Any District or County Clerk, County Commisoner or County Treasurer, or other officer, who shall persistently neglect or refuse to horses had died and eleven others were laid perform any duty or duties pertaining to his up in bad condition. Other horses outside office under this act, shall be regarded as of the stable were similarly affected, and at

The Women's State Temperance Associa-

tion held its regular annual convention at St.

The State Auditor has recently forwarded might just as well be understood at once that to the various County Collectors of the State brother, Nineteenth and Howard Streets. it, or any other party, will not be permitted a circular in reference to the collection of McBurney had recently came to the city from to go to these places, until instructions which railroad taxes. The County Collectors are Hannibal, Mo., bringing his wife, who is said Bailroad stock and personal property belongthe 24th, were very grand and impressive, ing to the companies. The Auditor says that and were participated in by both ex-Confed- he has no doubt but what his action in this he probably concluded to end his troubles in erate and Federal soldiers. The procession regard will cause the companies to seek rewas over a mile in length. At the head of lief through the courts, but the State will the mounted ex-Confederates rode General employ the best legal talent to be found, and Forrest and the surviving members of his no concessions will be made until staff, while the Mexican veterans were the question is finally decided. led by General Gideon J. Pillow. In one The Board of Equalization fixes a carriage were two large flags, Federal and valuation on their property annually, and

Confederate, made entirely of flowers. provides for the collection of taxes accordingly, but the railroad men will not pay, as tional flag flung to the breeze. The num- they claim they are exempt from taxation ber of ex-Federals participating in the pro- under their charters. Mr. Holladsy thinks cession was about 100, representing nearly that the State and the railroads will be bene-every State in the Union. The exercises sited by this decisive movement. If the railtook place in Elmwood Cemetery, and the roads are not to pay taxes, then the Legislaorations were delivered by Judge James O. ture must make provision for the collection Pierce, late of the Federal army, and Luke E. of revenue from some other source, and a Wright, Esq. The orations were in keeping final decision will prevent the trouble to with the spirit of the occasion, and every which the companies are put yearly in trying thing passed off well, and the general im-

has occurred to so completely break down bers of the Board of Equalization not present the barriers between the North and South, are entitled to pay for services during the session of the board, the Attorney-General has given his opinion that no member is entiin his seat. And to longy states that it Twenty-five buildings were burned at Lex- attendance of members of the board f on the first day of the mre ing of the board, whether the members were present at such meeting or not, and the question has not been heretofor

isted in the counties of Jackson, Johnson, Cass, Ciny, Rotes and other counties, and that the suf-

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

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MAY 21.—The report of the Committee on Executive and Manisterial Departments was read and ordered printed. Consideration of the Bill of Rights was their resumed, and eleven sections were disposed of.

MAY 22.—Mr. Nickerson presented a remonstrance from citizens of Johnson, Henry, Benton and Pettis counties against the section proposed relating to the formation of new counties. Nearly the entire session was spent in considering the twelfth section of the Bill of Rights in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Publicer in the chair.

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Signed C. H. Hardyn, Governor.

tion that a special committee of seven be appoint of by the President, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all those articles and propositions upon which a separate vote of the people may be descret, such committee to be styled the Committee on propositions separately to be submitteed. Adopted..... The Convention then resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Spannhorst in the chair and resumed consideration of the Bill of Rights.

General Notes.

Rev. Mr. Prottsman, Secretary of the Senate, delivered a sermon in the hall of the House, on the 23d, during which he alluded to the destitution existing among the people of several counties of the State. After the sermon the congregation resolved itself into a mass meeting, Gov. Hardin in the chair. Resolutions were adopted setting forth that the grasshoppers, chinch bugs, etc., were ruining the agricultural districts, and that Providence alone could prevent this terrible state of affairs. It was also resolved that commissioners be appointed by the Governor, in every county in the State, to solicit and collect money for the relief of the unfortune responde whe are said to be suffering from

na'e people who are said to be suffering from On the 26th ult. three hundred farmers of Jackson County met at Independence to deday of June, the day of fasting and prayer, vise ways and means to afford relief to the destitute and suffering. Reports from all the same purpose. The Governor was re- parts of the county were that the grasshopquested to issue another proclamation stating pers were destroying all the crops and fruits. They resolved to issue an address calling on the people of the county to assist the helpless. equire the different School Boards, by their | Fifteen barrels of grasshoppers were caught clerks to make annual returns to the County in the Public Square at Kansas City in one day. The farmers are cutting down trees for their stock to cat the leaves. Straw is being placed in the racks for cattle. One farmer

of charity in three months. an alarming disease had broken out among the horses in the stables of the Bellefontaine Car Line, from the effects of which four

likens it to what physicians style cerebrospinal meningitis in a human. It has un-doubtedly taken an epizootic form. James McBurney hanged himself on the night of the 21st at the residence of his empowered to seize every thing in the way of to be insane, for the purpose of placing her in an asylum. Failing to secure her a

sion, the matter troubled him so much that the manner stated. The competitive examination for the Naval cadetship from the First Congressional Dis-trict of Missouri resulted in the selection of Emile Arthur Starkloff, son of Dr. H. M.

Starkloff, of Carondelet. The Mayoralty contest in this city is daily growing more complex. The Committee ap-pointed by the Council to make an investigation into the returns of the judges of the lection reported that gross irregularities had been committed in several precincts. On the strength of this report, a resolution to install Britton, the regular Democratic candidate, was lost by a vote of 15 to 3. The contest for

the seat bids fair to be long and tedious. A meeting of prominent ladies was held on the 24th, for the purpose of meeting Mrs. E. G. Gillespie, of Philadelphia, the President of the Women's Centennial Executive Committee, with a view to determining what action shall be taken by the women of this city and State in connection with the Centennial celebration. Mrs. Gillespie, in her remarks, stated the object of her visit, and Mrs. Dr. Dickenson, a member from Missouri of the Centennial Executive Committee delivered an address to the women of the State, inviting earnest action and co-operation in the cele bration of the astional anniversary. An Executive Committee of twenty-five of the most prominent ladies of the city, headed by Mrs. Gen. Sherman, was then appointed to take charge of the matter, and the meeting ad-

a German farmer who resided near Cheitenham, was aroused by the barking of his dogs and went to the door to ascertain what was the matter. He had no sooner stepped outside than he was struck a terrible

Avenue Baptist Church shortly after the conclusion of the Sunday-school anniversary exercises in the church. The steamboats Juniata and Mollie Ebert, made, and her mutilisted body found in the loft of the church tower. Thomas Piper, servin of the church, was suspected of being the author of this horrible crime, and he was at once placed under arrest. Piper is 26 years of age, and was once before under arrest for the murder of a young girl, but was discharged for want of evidence.

Jacob Young, living in the suburbs of Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 21st murdered his second wife by chopping her head open with